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TAGS: PARM, UNGA
SUBJECT: UNSSOD: CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS SECTION OF PROGRAM
OF ACTION

1. WORKING GROUP B (PROGRAM OF ACTION) COMPLETED ITS
WORK ON A DRAFT PROGRAM OF ACTION ON JUNE 22 AND TRANS-
MITTED ITS HEAVILY BRACKETED DRAFT TEXT TO THE AD HOC
COMMITTEE. INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS ARE CONTINUING IN
VARIOUS CONTACT GROUPS IN AN ATTEMPT TO PRODUCE FURTHER
AGREED LANGUAGE.

2. CONTACT GROUP WORKING UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF AM-
BASSADOR HAMILTON (SWEDEN) HAS PRODUCED AGREED TEXT,
WITHOUT BRACKETS, ON FIRST THREE PARAGRAPHS OF CONVENTION-
AL WEAPONS SECTION OF PROGRAM OF ACTION.
AGREED TEXT FOLLOWS. BEGIN TEXT:
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--1. TOGETHER WITH NEGOTIATIONS ON NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT
MEASURES, THE LIMITATION AND GRADUAL REDUCTION OF ARMED
FORCES AND CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS SHOULD BE RESOLUTELY
PURSUED WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF PROGRESS TOWARDS GENERAL
AND COMPLETE DISARMAMENT. THOSE STATES WITH THE LARGEST
MILITARY ARSENALS HAVE A SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY IN PUR-

SUING THE PROCESS OF CONVENTIONAL ARMAMENTS REDUCTIONS.

--2. IN PARTICULAR THE ACHIEVEMENT OF A MORE STABLE SITUATION IN EUROPE AT A LOWER LEVEL OF MILITARY POTENTIAL ON THE BASIS OF APPROXIMATE EQUALITY AND PARITY, AS WELL AS ON THE BASIS OF UNDIMINISHED SECURITY OF ALL STATES WITH FULL RESPECT FOR SECURITY INTERESTS AND INDEPENDENCE OF STATES OUTSIDE MILITARY ALLIANCES, BY AGREEMENT ON APPROPRIATE MUTUAL REDUCTIONS AND LIMITATIONS WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO THE STRENGTHENING OF SECURITY IN EUROPE AND CONSTITUTE A SIGNIFICANT STEP TOWARDS ENHANCING INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY. CURRENT EFFORTS TO THIS END SHOULD BE CONTINUED MOST ENERGETICALLY.

--3. AGREEMENTS OR OTHER MEASURES SHOULD BE RESOLUTELY PURSUED ON A BILATERAL, REGIONAL AND MULTILATERAL BASIS WITH THE AIM OF STRENGTHENING PEACE AND SECURITY AT A LOWER LEVEL OF FORCES, BY THE LIMITATION AND REDUCTION OF ARMED FORCES AND OF CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE NEED OF STATES TO PROTECT THEIR SECURITY, BEARING IN MIND THE INHERENT RIGHT OF SELF-DEFENSE EMBODIED IN THE CHARTER OF THE UN AND WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO THE PRINCIPLE OF EQUAL RIGHTS AND SELF-DETERMINATION OF PEOPLES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CHARTER, AND THE NEED TO ENSURE BALANCE AT EACH STAGE AND UNDIMINISHED SECURITY OF ALL STATES. SUCH MEASURES
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MIGHT INCLUDE: END TEXT.

3. IN PARAGRAPH FOUR, THE EASTERN STATES HAVE OBJECTED TO THE MENTION OF THE DECLARATION OF AYACUCHO AND HAVE INDICATED THAT THEY WOULD DROP THE LANGUAGE ON THE DECLARATION OF BUCHAREST IF THE LATIN AMERICAN STATES AGREE TO DELETE THE LANGUAGE ON AYACUCHO. TEXT OF PARA FOUR FOLLOWS. BEGIN TEXT:

--4. BILATERAL, REGIONAL AND MULTILATERAL CONSULTATIONS AND CONFERENCES WHERE APPROPRIATE CONDITIONS EXIST WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF ALL THE COUNTRIES CONCERNED FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF DIFFERENT ASPECTS OF CONVENTIONAL DISARMAMENT; BEGIN BRACKETS SUCH AS THE INITIATIVE ENVISAGED IN THE DECLARATION OF AYACUCHO SUBSCRIBED IN 1974 BY EIGHT LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES END BRACKETS BEGIN BRACKETS AND THE DECLARATION OF BUCHAREST ADOPTED BY THE STATE MEMBERS OF THE WARSAW TREATY IN 1976 END BRACKETS;
END TEXT.

4. ON PARAGRAPH FIVE, THE INDIAN DEL INSISTED THAT HE HAD PLACED BRACKETS AROUND THE ENTIRE TEXT, HOWEVER,

THE REPORT DID NOT REFLECT THIS AND ONLY A PART OF THE
PARAGRAPH WAS BRACKETED. JAPANESE DEL OBJECTED TO BRACKETS
BEING PLACED AROUND ENTIRE PARAGRAPH AND INSISTED THAT
NO ADDITIONAL BRACKETS BE PLACED ON PARAGRAPH UNTIL
MATTER IS CONSIDERED BY THE AD HOC COMMITTEE. SOVIET
DEL SUPPORTED INDIAN POSITION THAT ENTIRE PARAGRAPH HAD
BEEN BRACKETED.

FYI: US DEL RECALLS THAT INDIAN DEL SPOKE IN DRAFTING
GROUP ABOUT PLACING BRACKETS ON THIS PARAGRAPH, BUT
DID NOT ACTUALLY DO SO, EVEN THOUGH HE CLEARLY INTENDED
TO AND BELIEVES THAT HE DID. JAPANESE DEL PROBABLY
MADE A TACTICAL ERROR IN TAKING A TOUGH APPROACH
ON PROCEDURAL GROUNDS SINCE INDIANS AND OTHERS
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ARE NOW TALKING ABOUT DROPPING THE ENTIRE PARAGRAPH

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RATHER TAN SEEKING ACCEPTABLE LANGUAGE. END FYI.

TEXT OF PARAGRAPH FIVE FOLLOWS. BEGIN TEXT:

--5. CONSULTATIONS AMONG MAJOR ARMS PRODUCER AND SUPPLIER COUNTRIES, IN PARTICULAR THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AND BETWEEN THEM AND RECIPIENT STATES, ON MEASURES, ON A VOLUNTARY OR AGREED BASIS OF RESTRAINT ON THE INTERNATIONAL TRANSFER OF CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS BEGIN BRACKETS BEARING IN MIND THAT NO STATE SHOULD BE PLACED AT A DIS-ADVANTAGE AS A RESULT OF SUCH TRANSFERS AND HAVING REGARD TO DIFFERING LEVELS OF INDIGENOUS PRODUCTION CAPABILITIES OF DIFFERENT COUNTRIES END BRACKETS, BEGIN BRACKETS TAKING THE PRODUCTION OF SUCH WEAPONS INTO ACCOUNT, END BRACKETS AND WITH DUE REGARD TO THE SECURITY OF RECIPIENT STATES. END TEXT.

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5. PARAGRAPHS SIX AND SEVEN REMAIN ENTIRELY IN BRACKETS AND NO SERIOUS EFFORT HAS BEEN MADE TO PRODUCE COMPROMISE LANGUAGE. IN EFFECT BOTH PARAGRAPHS APPEAR TO BE NON-STARTERS. BEGIN TEXT:

--6. BEGIN BRACKETS NEGOTIATIONS ON CESSATION OF THE DEVELOPMENT AND THUS OF PRODUCTION AND DEPLOYMENT OF NEW TYPES OF CONVENTIONAL ARMAMENTS WITH A HIGH DESTRUCTIVE CAPABILITY. END BRACKETS

--7. BEGIN BRACKETS FOR THE SAKE OF STRENGTHENING THEIR NATIONAL DEFENCE, SAFEGUARDING NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE AND SECURITY, ALL COUNTRIES HAVE THE RIGHT TO ACQUIRE THE NECESSARY CONVENTIONAL ARMAMENTS ON AN EQUITABLE BASIS. THE SUPER-POWERS MUST NOT BE ALLOWED TO USE THE EXPORT OF CONVENTIONAL ARMAMENTS TO SUBJECT OTHER NATIONS TO INTERFERENCE AND CONTROL, MUCH LESS TO INCITE CONFLICTS AND WARS AMONG NATIONS. END TEXT. LEONARD

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